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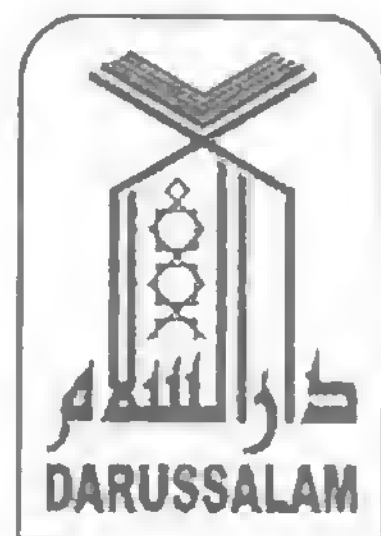
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*In the Name of Allâh, the Most  
Gracious, the Most Merciful.*

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## Publisher's Note

Islam stresses much about acquiring the good character. Many Verses and *Ahaadith* give the Muslims the direction that they should always try to present their good character before others whether they may be Muslims or non-Muslims.

We find in the teachings that we have to acquire good character in all walks of our life. We are to acquire that whether we are worshipping Allāh or praying for the blessings of Allāh upon the Prophet ﷺ or while we are with the parents or we are behaving with the neighbors and relatives or we are with our friends and elders or younger than us.

These good traits should be taught to our new generation, with this purpose in mind we have published this book to help the parents taught their children good character.

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## Introduction

Verily, all praises are due to Allāh, we praise Him, and we seek His help, and we seek His forgiveness. We seek refuge with Allāh from the evils of our selves, and from our own wicked actions. Whoever Allāh guides, then there is no one who can lead him astray. Whoever Allāh leaves astray, then there is no one who can guide him. I testify that none has the right to be worshipped except Allāh, Who is alone without an associate, and that Muhammad is His slave and His Messenger.

Allāh, the Most High, said:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ  
إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ﴾ (١٠٢)

“O you who believe! Fear Allāh as He should be feared, and die not except in a state of Islam.” (3:102)

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ

وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ  
الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا﴾

“O mankind! Be dutiful to your Lord, Who created you from a single person (Adam), and from him (Adam) He created his wife [Hawwā (Eve)], and from them both He created many men and women; and fear Allāh through Whom you demand (your mutual rights), and (do not cut the relations of) the wombs (kinship). Surely, Allāh is Ever an All-Watcher over you.” (4:1)

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا  
﴿٧٠﴾ يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَمَنْ  
يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا﴾ (٧١)

“O you who believe! Keep your duty to Allāh and fear Him, and speak (always) the truth. He will direct you to do righteous good deeds and will forgive you your sins. And



whosoever obeys Allāh and His Messenger (ﷺ), he has indeed achieved a great achievement.”  
(33:70-71)

Thus to proceed: Verily, the most truthful of speech is the Book of Allāh, and the best guidance is the guidance of our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. The worst of matters are those which are novelties (in religion), for verily every novelty is a cursed innovation, and every innovation is a misguidance, and every misguidance is in the Hell-fire.

### What do You know about Good Character?

My dear children....

What do you know about good character?

Verily, a father asked his children this question, and their answer was as follows:

One of the children said, “Oh father,

good character is having a cheerful face, and spending in charity, and honoring elders, and being gentle to the children.”

The second child said, “Actually, good character is to suppress one’s anger, and to save others from harm.”

The third child said, “The one who has good character is the one who does not hate others, but rather he loves good for all of the people.”

At this point the daughter said, “Oh father, verily good character, as I see it, is staying away from the forbidden things, and doing the noble deeds. Is this not so father?”

The father laughed and said, “All of you have answered correctly my children. All of the meanings that you all have mentioned are sample portions of the complete answer. Good character is kindness, charity, cheerfulness, and respect for elders. Likewise, it is that you do not become angry, jealous, or hateful. It is showing gentleness with



children. Good character likewise is staying away from the forbidden things, and doing the noble deeds.”

My children...

Good character is simply: Every beautiful deed that you do, and every ugly deed that you avoid.

Do you know what is good character? This is what I hope for from Allāh, the Most High, and this is what I desire.

### Good Character from the Noble Qur'ān

My beloved little children...

Our Lord, the Mighty and Sublime, has spoken to us in the Noble Qur'ān about good character. He said:

﴿لَا تَعْبُدُونَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا وَذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسْكِينِ وَقُولُوا لِلنَّاسِ حُسْنًا وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ﴾

“Worship none but Allāh (Alone)

and be dutiful and good to parents, and to relatives, and to orphans and the poor, and speak good to people and establish the prayer (*Salaat*), and give *Zakaat*.” (2:83)

In this Noble Verse is a call to good character with Allāh, the Most High, then with the parents, and the relatives, and the orphans, and the poor, and all of mankind. Allāh, the Most High, mentions to us the characteristics of the people of good character. He says:

﴿وَعِبَادُ الرَّحْمَنِ الَّذِينَ يَمْشُونَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ هَوْنًا وَإِذَا خَاطَبَهُمُ الْجَاهِلُونَ قَالُوا سَلَامًا﴾ (٦٣)

“And the (faithful) slaves of the Most Gracious (Allāh) are those who walk on the earth in humility and sedateness, and when the foolish address them (with bad words) they reply back with mild words of gentleness.” (25:63)

Thus, the Muslim is the one who